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5. (Unclassified - GLC) Jim Lowenstein, on the staff of the Senate Foreigns Relations Committee, called to advise that Richard Moose who has been working on the ABM subject will be attending the Director's briefing of Senator Gore's Subcommittee on Monday.

6. (Secret - GLC) In response to his earlier request I briefed Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, on the numbers of Agency personnel in Laos and also provided him with a breakdown of the cost of the paramilitary program there for FY 1970. (See Memo for the Record for details.)

7. (Secret - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on the situation in Laos using the briefing material used by Mr. Maury in the briefing of Senator Stephen Young. Braswell was most interested in this. He commented that Senator Stennis had indicated to him this morning that he wanted to receive a briefing from the Pentagon on what was going on in Laos. At that time Braswell suggested that the Chairman also receive a briefing from the Agency and the Senator said he wanted to do this. I told Braswell we were available to do this at Senator Stennis' convenience. Braswell mentioned in passing that the Pentagon has refused to provide Senator Symington with a briefing on B-52 raids in Laos. He said General Ryan has declined to even see Symington on this.

8. (Secret - GLC) Met with Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, to discuss his recent request for the two

I told Sourwine that he had a clear claim for [REDACTED] at such time as he could be made available. (I indicated that this would not be feasible for some time yet). I also advised Sourwine that we had a prior specific request from the House Internal Security Subcommittee for [REDACTED] and therefore we would be unable to honor his request for him. I added that I doubted that there would be much interest in [REDACTED] and that he does not desire to make any public statements at the present time. Sourwine accepted all of this and merely asked that, if the House Subcommittee did not use [REDACTED] testimony, the Senate Subcommittee would like to talk with him. Sourwine feels that Senator Hruska [REDACTED] would be very much interested in him.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Bill Woodruff and Ed Braswell on Laos

1. In response to his request I met with Bill Woodruff today and provided him with information concerning CIA personnel in Laos. 25X1A
I told him that we have approximately [REDACTED] people in Laos -- of whom 25X1A
approximately [REDACTED] are engaged in the paramilitary program; the others
are involved in intelligence collection programs, principally in Vientiane. 25X1A
I told him that of the [REDACTED] (most of whom are contract employees
because of the nature of their work) only about [REDACTED] were in the Military
Services immediately prior to their present assignments in Laos and
that most of these had previous tours of duty in Thailand or Vietnam
or had received training in the U.S. prior to being assigned in Laos. 25X1A
If we eliminated these people, there remained only about [REDACTED]
who left the Military Service, and then came to work for us in Laos.

2. I briefed both Woodruff and Braswell on the situation in
Laos, including the background of Agency involvement and the present
order of battle. I also provided both of them with the breakdown of
the cost of our paramilitary program in Laos for FY 1970. Both of
these staff members were most interested in this information and
Braswell said that Senator Stennis had indicated earlier in the day
that he would probably be contacting us for a briefing on what we
were doing in Laos in the near future.

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LAOS

TOTAL ENEMY FORCES 121,920

A. North Vietnamese	67,545
B. Pathet Lao	45,650
C. Pro-PL Neutralists	2,725
D. Chinese Communist	6,000

TOTAL ENEMY BATTALIONS 227

A. Infantry	54,045 in 52 Bns
B. Armor	305 in 3 Bns
C. Field of Artillery	2,030 in 12 Bns
D. AAA	5,690 in 20 Bns
E. Engineers	19,450 in 40 Bns
F. Command/Support	34,400 men
G. CHICOM Eng/INF/AAA	6,000

FRIENDLY FORCES 90,927

A. FAR and Related Forces	49,100
B. FAN (Pro-RLG Neutralists)	6,600

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FY 1970 LAOS PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS

Funds

(In Millions)

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Approved Budget...					

The intensity and scope of paramilitary activities in Laos recently is costing a great deal more than was anticipated in the approved budget. These increases are primarily for materiel (ordnance and air delivery equipment). CIA is in the process of determining the extent of these additional costs, which may reach as high as [REDACTED] for the balance of this fiscal year.

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BREAKDOWN OF MATERIEL REQUIREMENTS FY 1970

Funds

(In Millions)

	<u>Ordnance</u>	<u>Quartermaster</u>	<u>Communications</u>	<u>Misc.</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Approved Budget					
*Additional Requirements					
Total Fund Requirements					

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BREAKDOWN OF MATERIEL REQUIREMENTS FY 70

Funds

(In Millions)

	<u>Ordnance</u>	<u>Quartermaster</u>	<u>Communication</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
Approved Budget						
Additional Requirements						25X1A
Total Materiel Requirements						

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